



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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January 30, 2012

✓ Mr. Robert Calone

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/004; Robert Calone, Respondent

Dear Mr. Calone:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),¹ found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a sworn complaint against you that alleged you failed to file your Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests by the April 23, 2011 deadline with the Contra Costa Community College District ("District"). When you did file that statement, the complainant alleged you failed to report income you received from the United Association of Plumbing, Pipefitting and Sprinkler union.

On January 12, 2012, you responded to the allegations in the sworn complaint by stating that you were not notified by the District to file until November of 2011. The chancellor of the District corroborated that information. You also indicated that you were unsure of your filing obligations and contacted a member of our Technical Assistance staff who advised you of the manner to report the income from the union, which you have now done.

Your failure to file the required statement in a timely manner is a violation of the Act. (Gov. Code § 87203.) However, since you did file that statement, albeit late, and reported your income from the union after consultation with Commission staff, we are closing our file on this matter. This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Jeanette Turvill at (916) 322-8194 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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✓ Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Mr. Matt Heavey